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Case 7897R

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of Curro et al. :
Serial No.: 09/584,676 : Group Art Unit 1771
Confirmation No.: 2677 :
Filed: May 31, 2000 : Examiner J. R. Pierce
For LAMINATE WEB :

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT/RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

In response to the Final Office Action dated September 5, 2002, the time to respond being extended by two months, please consider the above-identified application in view of the claim amendments, new claims, and remarks.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1, 21, and 23, delete Claim 22, and add new Claims 24-31.

1. (Twice Amended) A laminate web comprising:

- (a) a first prebonded web;
- (b) a second prebonded web joined to said first prebonded web in a face to face relationship at a plurality of discrete bond sites each having an aspect ratio greater than about 3, the first and second prebonded webs forming an interior region therebetween; and